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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Equipment Standard

Mandatory Compliance

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Emergency Warning Devices Peace Officer, Blue Warning Lights

The information provided below will be used to:

1. Determine which vehicles are approved for blue lights.
 - A. The assignment of blue light systems, are limited to peace officers appointed under Penal Code 830.2(g) that are directly assigned to fire prevention or arson and bomb investigation functions. Other PC 830.2(g) peace officers in other program functions, can be authorized blue light systems only with written justification to the Unit Chief or Staff Chief, and approval from the Region Chief or Deputy Director.
 - B. The lights may only be used in a law enforcement role, i.e. during a traffic stop, or assisting local law enforcement personnel.
 - C. Only the vehicles assigned to the persons described in paragraph A (above) are authorized the blue light system.
2. Identify the approved lights.
 - A. The blue light system will consist of an **additional** type II style system regardless of the vehicles current lighting arrangement. It will have one flashing blue to the front and one flashing blue to the rear. They are to be operated from a separate lighted rocker switch, energized with the unitrol slide in the # 2 or # 3 position.
 - B. The lights are of the LED type using a clear lens and colored light bulb. The purpose is so that while not in use the blue color is not visible.

Part numbers for approved light models are:

Code 3 brand, LX1S-B or LX2F-BR.

Whelen brand, SLP LLRB.

Federal brand, SMLED1R or B or 2RB (specify clear lens).

(Use whichever will fit your application.)

3. Identify the proper installation.
 - A. Installation will be under the supervision of the Unit Fleet Manager.
 - B. The lights are to be mounted in the windshield of the vehicle either at the rear view mirror level or on top of the dash. The second light will be in the rear window up high or on the deck whichever is appropriate.
 - C. Power to these lights will be fed through a rocker switch via the number 2-3 wire on the unitrol. (The lights can be activated in either the 2 or 3 position) It will illuminate a blue indicator light at the switch indicating it is powered. Once the switch is powered, it can operate the lights. (Again, they are to be activated only in the appropriate incident.)

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